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In re Application of: Mark J. EVANS ; Marshall SCICCHITANO; Ashok BAPAT; Eric BEER; Ramesh A. BHAT; Elissa FERRIS

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For: A NOVEL MEMBER OF THE LYSYL OXIDASE GENE FAMILY

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND
PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.115

Hon. Commissioner of
Patents and Trademarks
Washington, DC 20231

January 13, 2003

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated December 11, 2002,
and in accordance with Rule 115 of the Rules of Practice, please enter the following

amendments and consider the accompanying remarks. The amendments are presented here in accordance with Rule 121 of the Rules of Practice. Accordingly, each amended claim is rewritten below in clean form and as required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(c)(1)(i). Accompanying this response is a Mark-Up copy of the amended claims and a courtesy copy of the claims as pending upon entry of this amendment. The time set for this response is January 13, 2003, as January 11, 2003 fell on a Saturday.

It is believed that no fees are required for these submissions. However, should the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office determine that any fee is due or that any refund is owed for this application, the Commissioner is hereby authorized and requested to charge the required fee(s) and/or credit the refund(s) owed to our Deposit Account No. 04-0100.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows: